

REMARKS

Certain claims have been amended to improve grammar in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Certain changes suggested by the Examiner are respectfully submitted to be unnecessary as noted below.

The preamble of Claim 23 has been amended so as to obviate one objection to claim 25.

Claim 24, as amended, is respectfully submitted to be in proper form because it further defines a characteristic of at least one groove defined in parent claim 23.

With respect to claim 25, as amended, the claim further defines the cooperation between the web stripper and the platen roll during printing.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9 through 11, 13, 15, 17, 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Galber U.S. patent 2,188,456. The rejection is respectfully traversed. All the rejected method claims recite "providing a web stripper" and apparatus claims recite "a stripper . . . to facilitate stripping of the web from the roll". All Galber discloses is an apparatus for grooving rubber applicator rolls. Galber fails completely to disclose the claimed combination.

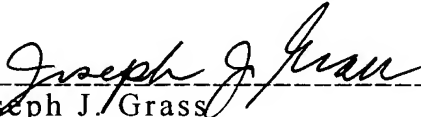
Claims 18, 23 through 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilkof et al. U.S. patent 6,585,437. The rejection of these claims is respectfully traversed. There is no teaching in Wilkof et al. of the attributes suggested by the Examiner, particularly not in col. 8, line 14 through 43 pinpointed in the rejection. Wilkof et al. have no teaching of cutting any groove.

Claims 1 through 4, 6 through 13 and 15 through 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. in view of Galber. Even if these references are combined there is no teaching of using a web stripper to cut a groove as grooves in a platen

roll. Contrary to the Examiner's suggestion "stripper" or "web stripper" is a term of art (please see the Schroeder patent which uses the term "stripper element") and moreover, a person reading the specification and seeing the drawings of the present application would have no doubt what a web stripper is.

In the event the Examiner fails to find all the claims allowable, the Examiner is requested to reinstate the appeal with respect to any rejected claims.

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